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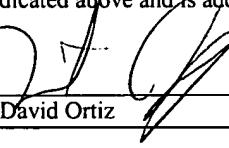
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment dated August 9, 2004. The Notice of Abandonment states that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee have not been paid. However, Applicants submitted a Request for Continued Examination on April 23, 2004. Examination would be extended and therefore the Issue Fee and Publication Fee were not due. A copy of the documents submitted including the Request for Continued Examination are enclosed herewith as well as the facsimile confirmation sheet indicating that the documents were received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 23, 2004.

As a Request for Continued Examination would be a proper response to the Notice of Allowance, Applicants assert that the application did not go abandoned and that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and should be withdrawn.

Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment dated August 9, 2004 as the Notice was issued in error. The required fee of \$130 is enclosed.

A speedy and favorable action on the Petition is hereby solicited. If a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

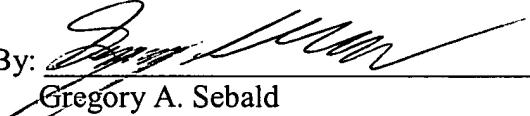
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